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SUBJECT: AMSPEC JAMES FARMER

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1. POST CONGRATULATES CU ON IS CHOICE OF SPEAKER FOR AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY PROGRAMMING.

2. AS NOTED REF B, OUR AFRICA HALL PROGRAM LOCKED INTO FEB. 12, SAME DAY THAT FARMER SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE (EF.A). THEREFORE REQUEST THAT FARMER ARRIVAL BE MOVED UP AT LEAST ONE DAY TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR

HIM TO REST AND TO AVOID POTENTIAL DISASTER LAST MINUTE FLIGHT DELAY WOULD HAVE ON PROGRAM SCHEDULED SAME DAY. IN ADDITION, POST BLACK PRESENCE EXHIBIT WILL OPEN EVENING OF FEB. 11. CAMEO APPEARANCE BY FARMER AT EXHIBIT OPENING WOULD SERVE TO INTRODUCE HIM TO MANY PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS HE WILL ADDRESS FORMALLY THE FOLLOWING EVENING.

3. FOR AFRICA HALL LECTURE PREFER TOPIC "STATUS OF BLACKS IN AMERICA TODAY".

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4. ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER FARMER ARRIVAL DATE CAN BE MOVED UP,

IDEALLY TO FEB. 10, BUT AT LEAST TO FEB. 11.

POST WILLING FOR FARMER ONWARD TRAVEL TO COMMENCE FEB. 13 BUT NEED
HIM URGENTLY EARLIER THAN FEB. 12, AS NOW SCHEDULED.

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